

2017-2018 BUDGET QUESTION
Response to Request for Information

DEPARTMENT: Financial Services – Budget

REQUEST NO.: 170

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REQUEST: Concerning page 39 of Volume I of the FY 2018 Proposed Budget, please provide an explanation of the \$3.9 million decrease in reserve levels relative to estimated FY 2016-17 results.

RESPONSE:

The table below shows the change in the General Fund reserve levels from the FY 2016-17 amended budget, the FY 2016-17 estimate, and the FY 2017-18 proposed budget.

	FY17 Estimate	FY18 Proposed
General Fund Reserve Amounts		
Emergency Reserve Fund (vol 1, pg 662)	\$58,216,609	\$62,033,498
Budget Stabilization Reserve Fund (vol 1, pg 661)	\$69,722,240	\$62,039,288
Total	\$127,938,849	\$124,072,786
General Fund Reserve Level (% of Requirements)		
Percentage	13.2%	12.0%

As illustrated in the table above, the FY 2017 reserves are estimated to end the year at 13.2%. The FY 2018 proposed budget maintains reserves at the 12% reserve policy level. The drawdown of \$3.9 million was one source of funding for one-time expenditures as shown in Volume II, page 771 of the FY 2018 Budget.

The fund summaries for the two reserves and the General Fund Budget Stabilization Reserve Fund Appropriation pages have been attached for reference.